

HOUSE BILL 291  
By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-432, relative to enhanced criminal penalties for certain violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-432, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) It is the intent of this section to create Drug-Free Zones for the purpose of providing vulnerable persons in this state an environment in which they can learn, play and enjoy themselves without the distractions and dangers that are incident to the occurrence of illegal drug activities. The enhanced and mandatory minimum sentences required by this section for drug offenses occurring in a Drug-Free Zone are necessary to serve as a deterrent to such unacceptable conduct.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-432, is further amended in subsection (b) by deleting the language "or secondary school" and by substituting instead the language ", secondary school, preschool, daycare center, or public library, recreational center or park".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.